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Ms. Mary Levine, Director of Legal Affairs
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Dear Ms. Levine:

I want to thank MSHDA for listening to the comments during the QAP review. I just now reviewed Michael DeVos's letter of October 18 – it seems very responsive.

Two concerns remain in my mind. First, it's important that rural areas be allowed to apply twice a year—a year's gap between a rejection and the revision of a project is too long to keep the project vital.

The second regards maintaining Michigan as an attractive state for tax credit investors. This is beyond my expertise, but every effort should be made to maintain investment in Michigan.

Thanks again for your responsiveness. I hope and am confident that careful review will continue to eliminate unintended consequences that may harm the very people we seek to serve. We support prudent review and strongly support MSHDA's efforts to improve services to the homeless, the disabled, and those in need of affordable housing.

Very truly yours,

John O'Neill
Housing Advocate & Director

cc: Carol Thompson,

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